Policy on export of raw materials for steel

642. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, being the world's third largest iron-ore producer, is framing a long-term policy on export of raw materials used to make steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent it would be different from the present one;

(d) whether, under existing policy, India allows free export of iron ore with a ferrous content of less than 64 percent but a licence is needed for selling high-grade iron-ore; and

(e) if so, to what extent these measures will be considered in the new policy to make it more flexible?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The export policy for raw materials like iron ore, chrome ore and manganese ore has already been formulated and notified by Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under the Foreign Trade Policy, which is valid from 1.4.2004 to 31.3.2009. The existing policy for export of iron ore is already flexible in the way that iron ore with ferrous content upto 64% is free for exports, while exports of high-grade iron ore (64% Fe and above) are canalized through Metal and Minerals Trading Corporation Limited. In relaxation to the policy, mine-owners who have suprlus iron ore after meeting the demand of domestic industry and MMTC are also allowed to export hign-grade iron ore under licence.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Employment to displaced families at VSP

643. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families who lost their lands due to acquisition of their lands by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Authority;

(b) the details of Act passed/agreement made in the past to give direct employment to such families in the steel plant at Vizag;

(c) the details of jobs provided so far to such families;

(d) whether direct recruitment took place while many of the entitled youths out of such families still remain to be absorbed;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government will absorb the remaining youths of such families;

(g) if so, by when; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The lands for construction of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) were acquired by the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh on behalf of the Government of India. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that 14,563 families were affected due to acquisition of lands for VSP.

(b) There was no Act passed or agreement made in the past to give direct employment to the displaced families in the steel plant at Vizag. In a high level Committee meeting held in 1981 the then Managing Director of VSP agreed to provide employment to a maximum of 5000 displaced persons in VSP.

(c) Against the commitment by VSP to provide employment to 5000 displaced persons, 6310 displaced persons have already been provided employment in VSP. Based on the skill, qualifications and experience of the displaced persons they have been inducted in unskilled jobs *i.e.* khalasis, skilled *i.e.* technicians and highly skilled *i.e.* chargemen and also in the administrative cadre after following due process of selection.

(d) and (e) Direct recruitment to meet the requirements of different skilled manpower was done by the Company from time to time in which the displaced persons were also allowed to participate in the selection process. As per the commitment made, VSP gave preference to displaced persons while providing employment and even gave relaxation in age, qualifications and experience to the displaced persons.

(f) to (h) As and when there is a need for recruitment to posts in the non-executive cadre, this is done through the Employment Exchange/

Press advertisement and after following the approved laid down procedure. Displaced persons fulfilling the eligibility criteria will also be allowed to participate in the selection process along with other candidates. The induction of manpower in VSP is on the basis of specific job requirements from time to time and it will depend on the availability of vacancies and suitable candidates. No time frame can be set for induction of displaced persons.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): Sir lay on the Table-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under section 18 and section 19 of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences Act, 1956:

(a) Forty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, for the year 2002-2003, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the workfing of the above Institute.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 2293/05]

Notifications of the Ministry of Agriculture

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): Sir, on behalf of SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA, I lay on the Table:

(i) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying) Notification